

Highlights

COMMUNITY PRIDE

The City is an integral partner with businesses and other governmental agencies to make Fresno a better community. An example of the private/public partnership can be found in the multi-purpose stadium that is scheduled to begin construction in the summer of 2001. City staff, in conjunction with the



Redevelopment Agency, prepared the stadium site and made site improvements totaling \$7,000,000.

The collaboration between the City and the Fresno Diamond Group will result in 350 permanent jobs and a facility that the community can enjoy.



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Another example of that partnership is the Community Regional Medical Center. This project will produce a multi-use hospital and medical center complex that will be used by Community Hospitals and the University of California-San Francisco. The City has been instrumental in widening streets and providing street side improvements. Through the Redevelopment Agency, the City has contributed assistance in obtaining the land for the project.



These are only two of the many projects where the City is playing a role with other agencies and businesses to create a better community through new development. Other examples can be found in the Exhibit Hall expansion, the Cesar Chavez Adult School, and the new Federal Courthouse. All of these projects not only provide new facilities for the community to share, they also emphasize the possibilities that can be achieved when government works together with business.

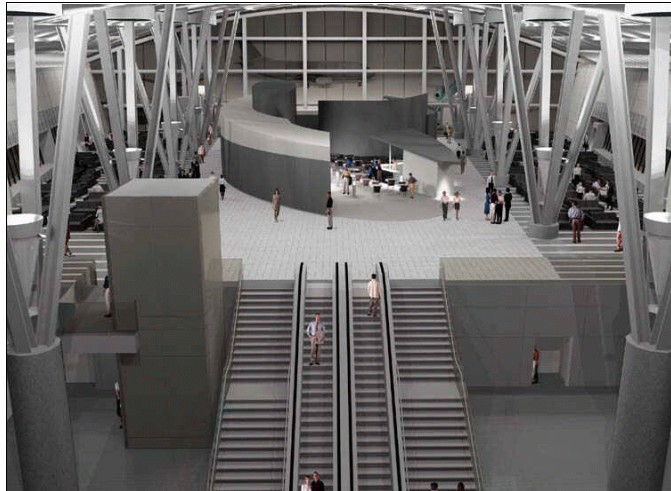


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The City continues to take advantage of opportunities in the transportation field to make the community a better place to live. One area which will become a source of community pride is the Airport Expansion project that is currently under

construction. When completed, the airport will have a new entryway, a new two story concourse with passenger bridges, a business center, and an expanded parking area. The new facility should make Fresno a much more attractive hub for airlines.



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Additionally, the City's mass transportation system continues to refine the technology it utilizes in order to provide a safe, timely, and environmentally friendly means of transit for our community. By utilizing a satellite tracking system, the on time performance of the system has improved from 81 percent in July 2000 to 90 percent in March 2001. The City has also placed two electric hybrid buses into service in its fleet. These buses, will reduce the amount of pollutants emitted into the air. Given these changes, it's no wonder that the community has responded by riding the mass transit system in record numbers.



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Making the community safe continues to be a top commitment of the City. The Police Department remains on the forefront on the implementation of innovative crime fighting strategies. Bicycle patrols, special unit deployment, problem oriented policing, and neighborhood police units continue to have an effect on the City's overall crime rate.

The spirit of cooperation that permeates other City endeavors is alive and well in this area as well. Officers are now an integral part of the neighborhoods that they serve and protect. They are supported by their neighbors through such programs as Neighborhood Watch, and the Police Volunteer program. This cooperative spirit has been essential in reducing crime in the community.



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The Fire Department continues to employ unique strategies to combat fire loss. The department recently increased staffing on one engine from three to four personnel. This act will permit the department to respond to a situation with fewer apparatus, thus keeping other apparatus available in case another emergency arises. The department also successfully administered the July 4th fireworks permit process, thus allowing Fresnans to enjoy fireworks at homes and neighborhoods for the first time in many years.

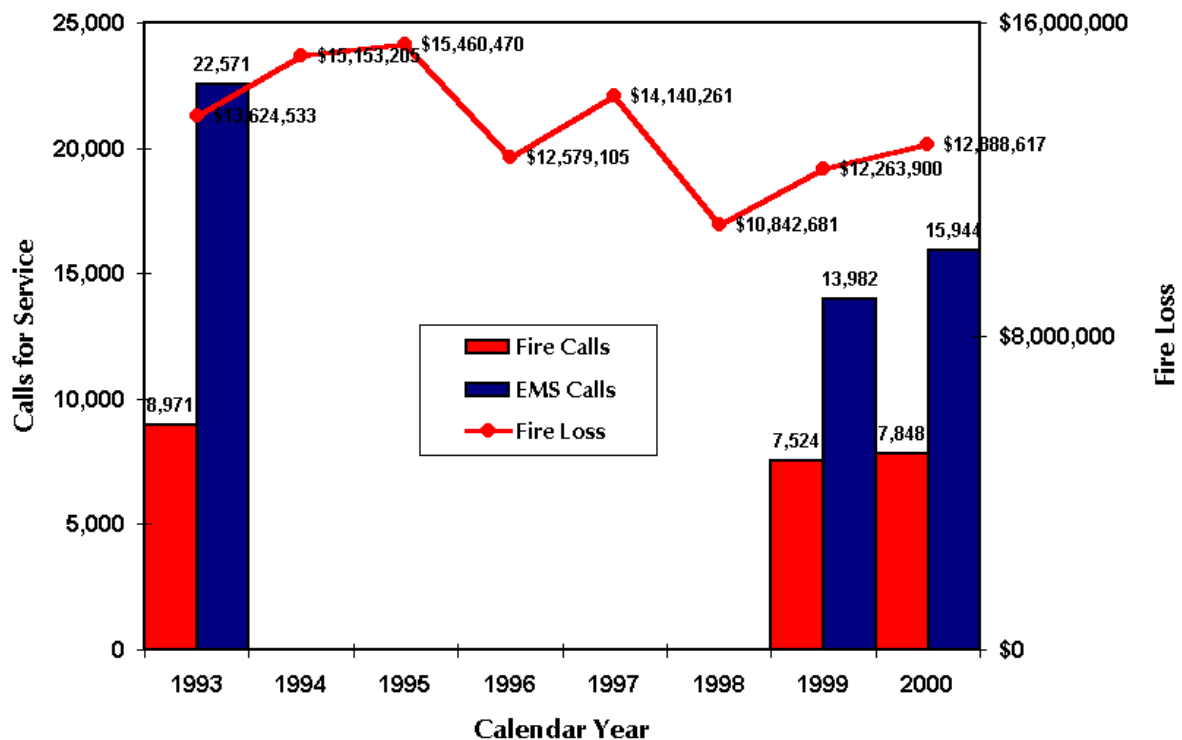
The Fire Department also plays an active role in the community. Firefighters conduct such events as the annual chili cookoff, the mud volleyball tournament, and the Alisa Ann Rouch Burn Camp. These events help strengthen the bonds between the department and the community it serves.



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Fire calls and loss has remained stable due in part to fire prevention efforts and building sprinkler codes. Emergency Medical Response steadily increases as the City continues to grow.

Annual Fire Loss and Calls for Service



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The City continues to be a primary provider of recreational opportunities to its citizens. FY 01 saw the opening of four new neighborhood park facilities, including the Pilibos Soccer Park. These facilities added 31.95 acres of open space for the public's enjoyment. This open space will be greatly augmented by the new regional park in Southwest Fresno scheduled to open in FY 02. This facility will provide 268 acres of space available for soccer, softball, walking, or jogging.

In addition to the new parkland, the City's existing recreational facilities are being renovated. No where is this renovation more apparent than at the Zoo. The new Sundra Forest exhibit opened in FY 01 to large crowds. Other renovations to existing exhibits were made throughout the year. These are planned to continue during FY 02. These renovations are not unnoticed. The zoo had over 48,000 people participate in their zoo education



programs, including

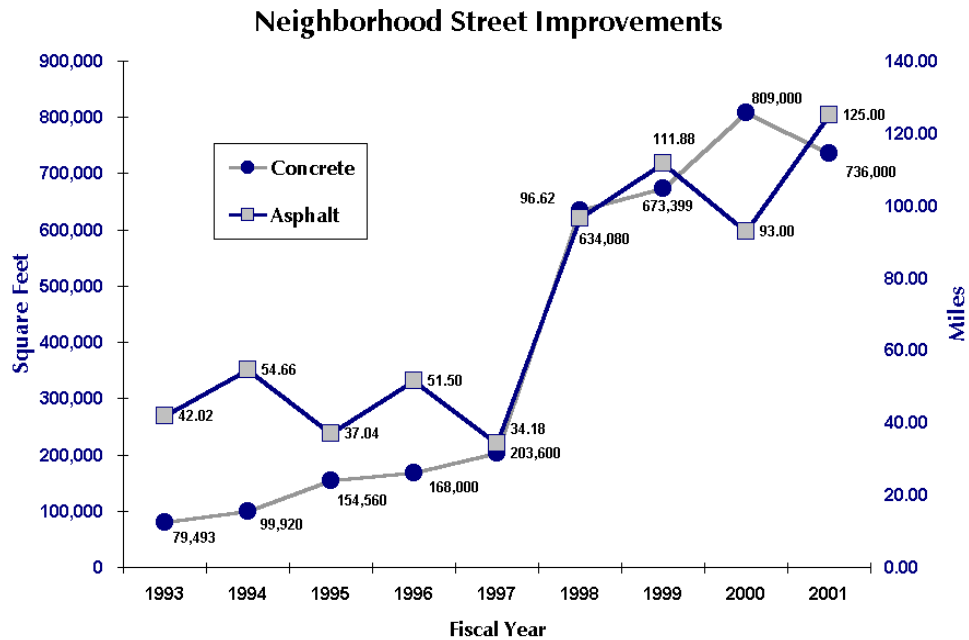
662 local teachers who brought the valuable information they learned at the zoo to their students. In addition to the students who learned new information from their teachers, 77,000 students were taught in a "hands-on" environment when they visited the zoo. It is clear from the attendance that the Zoo remains a valuable educational facility for both adults and children.

The learning focus of the recreation programs provided by the City doesn't end with the Zoo. The City is receiving national acclaim for the Community Science Workshop program it has implemented with the assistance of the National Science Foundation, Fresno Unified School District, and Fresno State University. The program gives children a chance to learn about science through experiments and models. The result is a program that gives students a practical application for scientific theories. The program is so successful that the City will be expanding it by opening a dedicated facility at Granny's Park.



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The paving program is a citywide program that includes asphalt overlay and slurry seal. The concrete repair program provides for safe sidewalks and related concrete facilities.



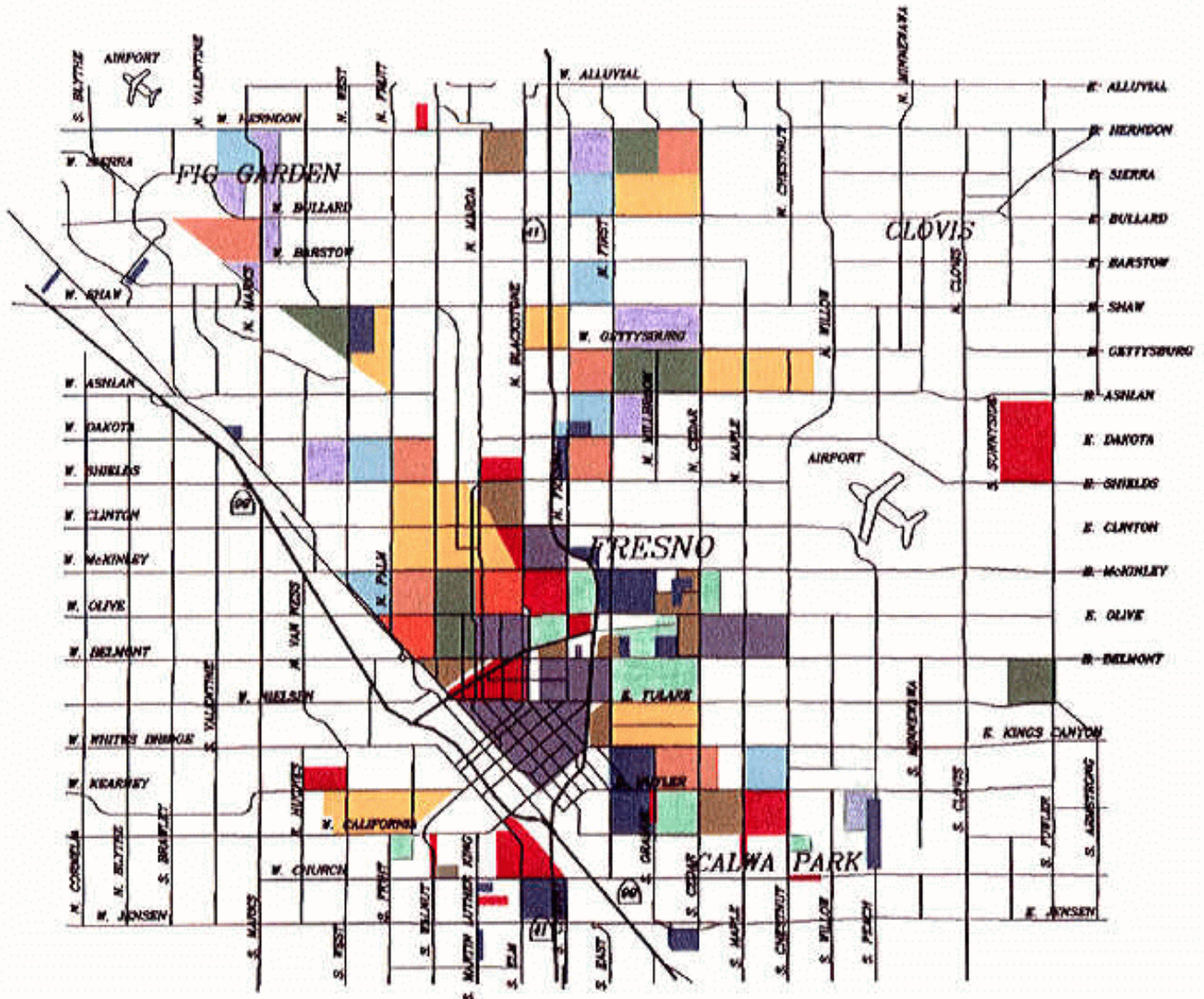
Street work in progress



Street work complete

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Neighborhood Improvement Map



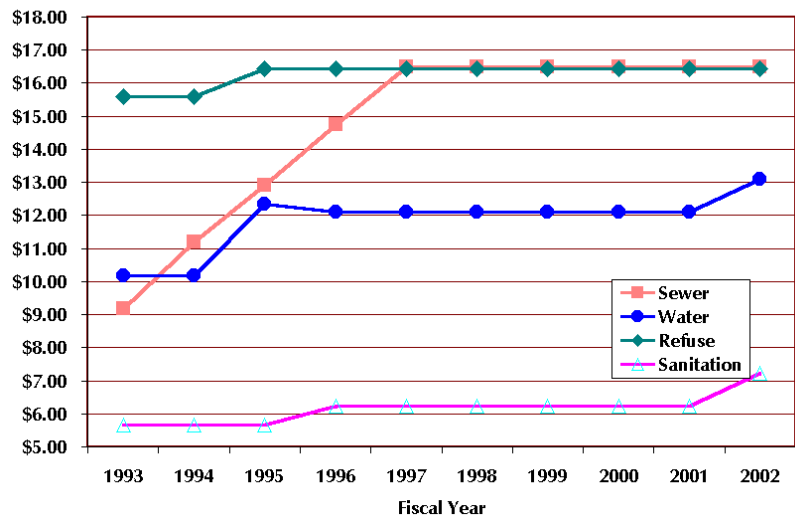
LEGEND

	FY 97 PILOT PROJECT		FY 00 CAPITAL
	FY 98 CAPITAL		FY 00 CONCRETE
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	FY 99 CAPITAL		FY 01 CONCRETE
	FY 99 CONCRETE		FY 02 PROPOSED CAPITAL
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Fresno Utility Rates

Due to increased utility costs, increased expansion to keep up with growth, and natural deterioration, the bi-monthly utility rates have been restructured as follows:



UTILITY RATE	CURRENT	ADOPTED
Water	\$24.22	\$26.16
Solid Waste	32.88	32.88
Wastewater/Sewer	33.00	33.00
Community Sanitation	12.48	14.48
Total Bi-Monthly	\$102.58	\$106.52

Fresno Utility Rates Compared to Valley Cities (Monthly)

